



# Fall Creek District Newsletter

April 2021

Providing information to the Fall Creek District Scouts and Scouters.  
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## Fall Creek District Roundtable Thursday, April 8th at 7 pm on Zoom

Join us for the Fall Creek District Roundtable. It's a great way to meet other leaders in our district and learn some new skills to take back to your unit. After a short general meeting session, we have a separate break-out session for Scouts BSA and Cub Scout leaders. The theme for this meeting is the Ideal Year of Scouting. The discussion will focus on how to plan 12 months of scouting fun and activities.

Link to the CAC Ideal Year of Scouting page for some additional resources.

<https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/resources/iyos/>

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81062162936?pwd=eXBQa1FvazJGU2J0VUJZZkg2OU0rZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 6216 2936

Passcode: 160

The next Fall Creek District Roundtable will be on Thursday, May 13th.

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## 2021 YPT Updates

National will be updating the YPT training in the near future. Here are some of the updates that you will see. Please share this with your scouting unit.

◆ **Q. Are there times when youth can gather, meet or conduct activities without adult supervision?**

A. No. Two-deep adult supervision by registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required for all Scouting activities and must meet the leadership requirements outlined in Scouting's [Barriers to Abuse](#). This includes patrol activities.

◆ **Q. Can I share a tent with my son or daughter who has special needs?**

A. Youth and adults tent separately in the Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturing programs. Youth who have a special need or disability who may require a parent or legal guardian to tent with them must develop a plan in conjunction with their local council Scout Executive to address their specific needs.

◆ **Q. Can buddy pairs be co-ed in Scouts BSA?**

A. No. Scouts BSA program integrity requires single gender units and single gender buddy pairs.

**Q. Can a leader bring their Scouts BSA son or daughter to an opposite gender troop activity?**

A. No. Scouts BSA program integrity requires single gender units and single gender buddy pairs.

**Q. Can any Scouts BSA member attend camp on their own?**

A. Yes, as part of a provisional unit at camp. Contact your local council for availability.

**Q. Can Scouts BSA girl and boy troops share a campsite?**

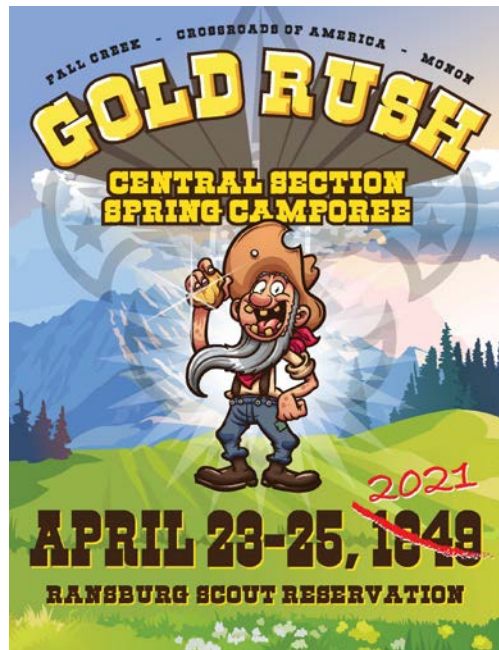
A. Yes, if the campsite's layout and amenities meet all the requirements of Scouting's [Barriers to Abuse](#), including privacy and separate accommodations. Each unit must also meet supervision requirements.

For more information, please see the [YPT FAQ](#) page.

If you have any questions, please contact District Executive David Elser.

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# 2021 Central Section Spring Camporee



The Central Section Spring Camporee is scheduled for April 23rd-24th.

Due to the lingering issues related to COVID-19, units from Fall Creek and Monon districts will be participating in this year's **Gold Rush Spring Camporee** virtually. The event consists of a series of outdoor activities that patrols and Troops can participate in remotely at their home base campsite with the aim of reducing the spread of COVID-19. Like the previous virtual camporee, digital tools and a live stream will be used to tie the event together.

Your unit will join the Gold Rush Virtual Camporee from your home base on Saturday, April 24 at 9:00am. There will be a variety of competitions that will then be joined/reported in a live stream throughout the day. Some of these activities are focused on Scout skills and teamwork, and others are just for fun. Additionally, there will be a cooking competition as well as a camp gadget contest. And with every activity Scouts do, they receive a clue to help solve the mystery of Prospector Pete's Gold.

An essential part of this virtual camporee will be created on the part of Scouts in our units to help make it happen, especially for competitive events and how digital media are used to bring Scout units together to see the fruits of their competitions

## **Registration Link**

<https://scoutingevent.com/160-2021centralsectionvirtuallspringcamporee>

## **Spring Camporee Troop Packet**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mRyyzmb8yDcWXAfBgXAH8D8jQMVNlmm3rvmUro8bI6s/edit#>

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# Scout Summer Camp



Summer camp is a great opportunity for the scouts to be active outdoors. The Council has many great options available for our scouts. Here are some important links for your pack or troop.

**For more information, please visit the Crossroads Summer Camp page:**

<https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/resources/camp-2021/>

**To register for Cub Scout Camp:**

<https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/programs/cub-scouting/camping/?fbclid=IwAR3t9P33VJ4pNbJx5kkhu10LfagAM6J6upIQDBwa9HmL0AWtpgSfhGDIZII>

**2021 Camp Belzer Parent and Leader Guide:**

[https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA160/document\\_16069504690\\_7158.pdf](https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA160/document_16069504690_7158.pdf)

To register your troop for Scouts BSA Camp and get more information about camping at Ransburg Scout Reservation:

<https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/programs/scouts-bsa/camping/>

**2021 Camp Ransburg Parent and Leader Guide.**

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56893d64df40f3987ccb88c7/t/5fd10da571a9014fed91f953/1607536047188/2021campingguide.pdf>

If you have any parents who may need financial assistance with the summer camp fees, please have them complete a campership application.

<https://247scouting.com/forms/?OrgKey=BSA160&id=1711>

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# 2021 Scouting For Food



Scouting For Food is coming up this month. We will be collecting donations from April 17th to April 24.

There are many ways to participate in Scouting for Food:

- Talk to your Chartering Organization about working with them to promote and collect food at their location!
- Reach out to your elementary school to see if they would be willing to help collect food!

## **Acceptable Items**

Peanut Butter and Jelly/ Preserves  
Canned meat like chicken and tuna

100% fruit juices

Heat and serve meals like ravioli and soups

Kid-Friendly items like Macaroni, Cereal & Applesauce

Diabetic-Friendly/Low-Sodium/No Added Sugar Foods

## **Items not accepted**

Home-canned goods

Items without ingredients listed on the packaging

Tobacco or alcohol

Baby food that is not in the original, unopened packaging

Flyer: <https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021-SFF-Flyer.pdf>

If you need bags or stickers, please use this link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfa-MdjbVhOjtG4etKt5bo09YOS6JYbgcrDLwV-uTn0xIleCQ/viewform>

During this time, Scouts will be delivering bags/stickers and then picking up the bags of food at a later date. Once the food is collected, units are to take it directly to their food pantry of choice.

For more information, please contact our District Executive Davis Elser.

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## **Online Merit Badge Opportunities**

### **Merit Badge Sunday's at Fort Harrison State Park**

Join Dylan Allison, the interpretive naturalist at Fort Harrison State Park, for merit badge classes every month.

Advance registration is required. The cost is \$10/Scout, payable at the park entrance. The fee does include the park entrance, however, if you have an annual park pass \$7 is NOT subtracted.

<https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021-Merit-Badge-Sundays-Flier.pdf>

For more information, please contact Dylan Allison @ [DAllison@DNR.IN.gov](mailto:DAllison@DNR.IN.gov)

### **Interested in taking your scouts to summer camp?**

Here is the link to the council summer camp page. You can register for any of the council camps via this link.

<https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/camping/>

## **Crossroad of American Response to Covid-19**

For more information about how our council is managing scouting during this time, please visit the following link. [Our Council's Response to COVID-19](#)

This site has information and guidelines about council events, summer camp, advancement, and unit meetings.

# Fall Creek District Contact Information

The Fall Creek District of Crossroads of America Council serves over 70 Scouting units located within the following counties in central Indiana. These units have more than 1,400 members that are supported by 529 unit and district volunteers.

District Director - [William Etheridge](#)

District Executive - [Dave Elser](#)

Fall Creek District Chair - [Gerald Frazier](#)

Fall Creek District Commissioner - [Mark Arenz](#)

[To add a unit leader to this newsletter](#)

Is your unit doing something really cool this month? Drop us a note with a photo or two and we will share it with the rest of the district. Send it to the [Tell Me Something Cool Mailbox](#)



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